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FROM AMBASSADOR

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TAGS: MASS PFOR JO US SA

SUBJECT: HAWK FINANCING

REF AMMAN 0445, AMMAN 0466

1. INITIAL JORDANIAN REACTION THAT THIS IS A US ULTIMATUM REFLECTS OUR OWN FEARS FORWARDED IN REFTEL. THIS IS NOT A GOOD DEVELOPMENT NOR ONE WHICH WILL ADD TO JORDANIAN RESPECT OR RECEPTIVITY TO OUR FUTURE EFFORTS TO ESTABLISH OUR MILITARY AID AND SALES PROGRAM AS SUPPORTIVE OF OUR POLITICAL OBJECTIVES IN THE AREA. IN VIEW OF THE PRIME MINISTER'S AND WHAT I EXPECT WILL BE THE KING'S OWN IMMEDIATE ADVERSE REACTION TO THIS DEVELOPMENT I WILL SEE THEM TOMORROW. AT THAT TIME I SHOULD BE IN A POSITION TO TELL THEM THAT : (A) WE WILL HOLD IN ABEYANCE MOST DIFFICULT ACTION NOW PENDING--CESSATION OF TRAINING, UNTIL JORDAN CAN BE GIVEN A LETTER OF OFFER TO PAY FOR THIS STEP, AND (B) WE WILL ALSO HOLD IN ABEYANCE ANY OTHER PENDING ACTIONS UNTIL WE CAN RECEIVE SECRET

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DEFINITIVE SAUDI RESPONSE TO KING'S CALL

TO THEM. WE DO NOT EXPECT THE JORDANIANS TO BE ABLE

TO PAY FOR THE I HAWK PROGRAM NOW (ASIDE FROM TRAINING)

AND WONDER WHAT PROPOSALS DEPARTMENT AND DEFENSE CAN

SUGGEST OTHER THAN POSTPONEMENT TO HELP RESOLVE THIS
ISSUE. JORDANIANS WE BELIEVE WILL PERMIT REST OF
CANCELLATION GO FORWARD ON ASSUMPTION THERE ARE NO
OTHER SERIOUS EFFECTS ON THEIR PROGRAM WHICH WE OR
THEY NOT AWARE OF.
PICKERING

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